

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 3, 12, 14, 15 and 17 have been amended. Claims 7-11 have been withdrawn. Claims 21-23 have been added as New. Therefore, claims 1-6 and 12-23 are present for examination.

Election

Claims 7-11 were withdrawn from consideration. These claims have been withdrawn.

Drawings

Figures 1 and 3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--.
Replacement drawings are submitted herewith.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Koo

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koo, U.S. Patent No. 5,155,829 (“Koo”) in view of Admitted Prior Art.

Claim 1, for example, is amended to recite”

“a first comparator associated with a trusted first destination device.”

“a second comparator associated with a non-trusted second destination device.”

“the second comparator sends the data to the second device only if the second comparator receives a first output of the first comparator, the first output indicating that the destination device address does not correspond to the first address range.” Thereby, clarifying the cascaded operation of the two comparators.

Since processing logic checks all trusted agents before checking any non-trusted agent and stops looking for another agent when processing logic finds a trusted agent having an address range encompassing the destination address of the data, the data is not sent to a non-trusted agent even if the destination address is also within the address range of the non-trusted agent. Such address decoding mechanism prevents the non-trusted agent with an address range overlapping the address range of a trusted agent from accessing secured data going to the trusted agent

These features are not shown in the background section, nor in the references. In the references, if there is an overlapping address, then it can be expected that the data will be sent to both addresses. For these reasons, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Koo, Yamazaki

Claims 12-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koo in view of Admitted Prior Art and Yamazaki, U.S. Patent No. 5,940,352 (“Yamazaki”). Yamazaki is not cited for and does not show the features absent from the combination discussed above and for this reason, *inter alia*, the rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

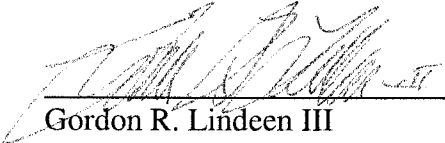
Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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